

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-18 are pending in this application. Claim 19 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,421,499); and Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Taira et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,636,200).

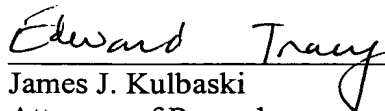
The outstanding rejections are moot in light of the cancellation of Claim 19.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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